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SOURCE

1. The Heinrich-Hertz Institute for Vibration Research (HHI) in Berlin-Adlershof and a number of other institutes of the German Academy of Science located at Adlershof were controlled by an administrative agency headed by Dr. Tiager (fmi). All these institutes belonged to the Science Section of the Academy headed by Professor Dr. Kurt Noack, secretary of the academy. Liaison to the Director of the Academy, Dr. Josef Nass, was maintained through Dr. Georg Otterbein, who was the staff member in charge of technical sciences.

2. In the spring of 1950, the HHI moved from a building on Geschwister Scholl Strasse to a 3-story building on the premises of the former German Aeronautical Test Institute at Adlershof. In the fall of 1950, the number of employees of the Institute rose from about 50 to 120. At the same time, the Institute was given additional laboratory facilities in a neighboring building occupied by the Institute for Crystal Physics. Most of the scientists employed at the HHI were paid from regular funds of the institute. Scientists who worked on special research orders were paid from a special fund. After the spring of 1953, the salaries of scientists employed at the Institute were reportedly considerably raised. Source therefore believed it improbable that further scientists would feel inclined to go to West Germany.

3. Copies for research orders were suggested by the HHI to the State Planning Commission through the German Academy of Science. No pattern could be determined in the selection and approval of research orders by the State Planning Commission. In late 1952, economy measures made themselves felt, and in connection with these measures research work involving the expenditure of much money was not approved. The German Academy of Science received several copies of all studies completed at the HHI. The State Planning Commission received the developed set and the pertinent study. Copies of studies completed were also forwarded to the Soviet Control Council in Karlshorst.

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